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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CROWLEY).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This being the day established by the 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the assembly of the Second Session of the 110th Congress, the House will be in order.

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, January 3, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOSEPH CROWLEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, President, St. Luke Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, we embark upon a new year with hearts full of hope. We hope for a new age of peace in a world torn by violence. We hope for an increase of faith, which opens us to the sacredness of all You have made.

We hope for an increase of love, to quell the fires of hatred.

Perhaps we are asking for a miracle, but it is You who are the author of miracles. And all that we see is a miracle formed in Your mind and made in Your image.

May 2008 be a year of miracles: a time of peace, a vision of faith, and an outpouring of love.

You see, Lord, we are a people of hope. And we know that You will not disappoint.

We pray this as we pray all things, in Your most wonderful name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution

877, 110th Congress, no organizational or legislative business shall be conducted on this day.

Bills and resolutions introduced today will receive a number but will not be noted in the RECORD or referred until January 15, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 61, 110th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at noon.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3524. A bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 110-507). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

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